However, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, makes assessment regarding ground water potential and also possibilities of rain water harvesting in various parts of the country. Based on the experience gained through implementation of the Central Sector Scheme on Study of Recharge to Ground Water, during Ninth Five Year Plan, the CGWB has prepared manual on artificial recharge and guide to recharge of ground water, in which detailed scientific studies/ techniques are mentioned to undertake any recharge project in different geological set-ups and agro-climatic conditions. As such, there is no need to constitute a committee to look into the matter.

Funds allocated for improvement of drainage system in Orissa

2092. SHRIMATI SUSHREE DEVI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that coastal areas of Mahanadi Delta system and coastal belt of Balasore and Bhadrak Districts in Orissa suffer from drainage and water logging problems;

(b) whether four proposals costing Rs. 1300.29 lakh for improvement of drainage etc. for Balasore district have been submitted to Government in June 2002, for providing necessary funds for the works; and

(c) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No specific scheme for Balasore District costing Rs. 1300.29 lakhs has been received in Central Water Commission. However, Government of Orissa has submitted a Master Plan for drainage development costing Rs. 571 crore to the Central Water Commission in August, 2002, which *inter-alia* includes "Doabs" of Balasore and the Bhadrak districts. The Central Water Commission while processing these schemes has requested the State Government to prioritise its need, on account of resource constraint.